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Saturday
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Christmas in the Kiln is today

Christmas in the Kiln, a Christmas party for the children of Hancock County, takes place today. Games, songs, events, and presents for the kids. Sponsored by the businesses in the Kiln. At the Hancock County Arena, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more info, contact Cherie Sadler at 228-586-0479 or 228-323-2924.

Visit Santa and get a free toy

Kids can visit with Santa this Sunday, Dec. 18, at the multi-purpose building at First Baptist Church at 141 Main St. in Bay St. Louis.

'We Need a Little Christmas' music

"We Need A Little Christmas" community concert presented by "Just Friends" (Sandra Compretta, Mary Howard, & Jay Heitzmann), featuring the talents of Marby Schon-Tilden, Elisha Shankle, Rick Brooks, Judy Guy, Jeanne Smith, and Main Street Choir at Main Street United Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m.

Christmas on the Coast is Sunday

CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST, sponsored by the City of Waveland. At Buccaneer State Park on Beach Boulevard. Snow, games, gifts, food and drinks. For more info, call Kathy Pinn, 228-332-2270.

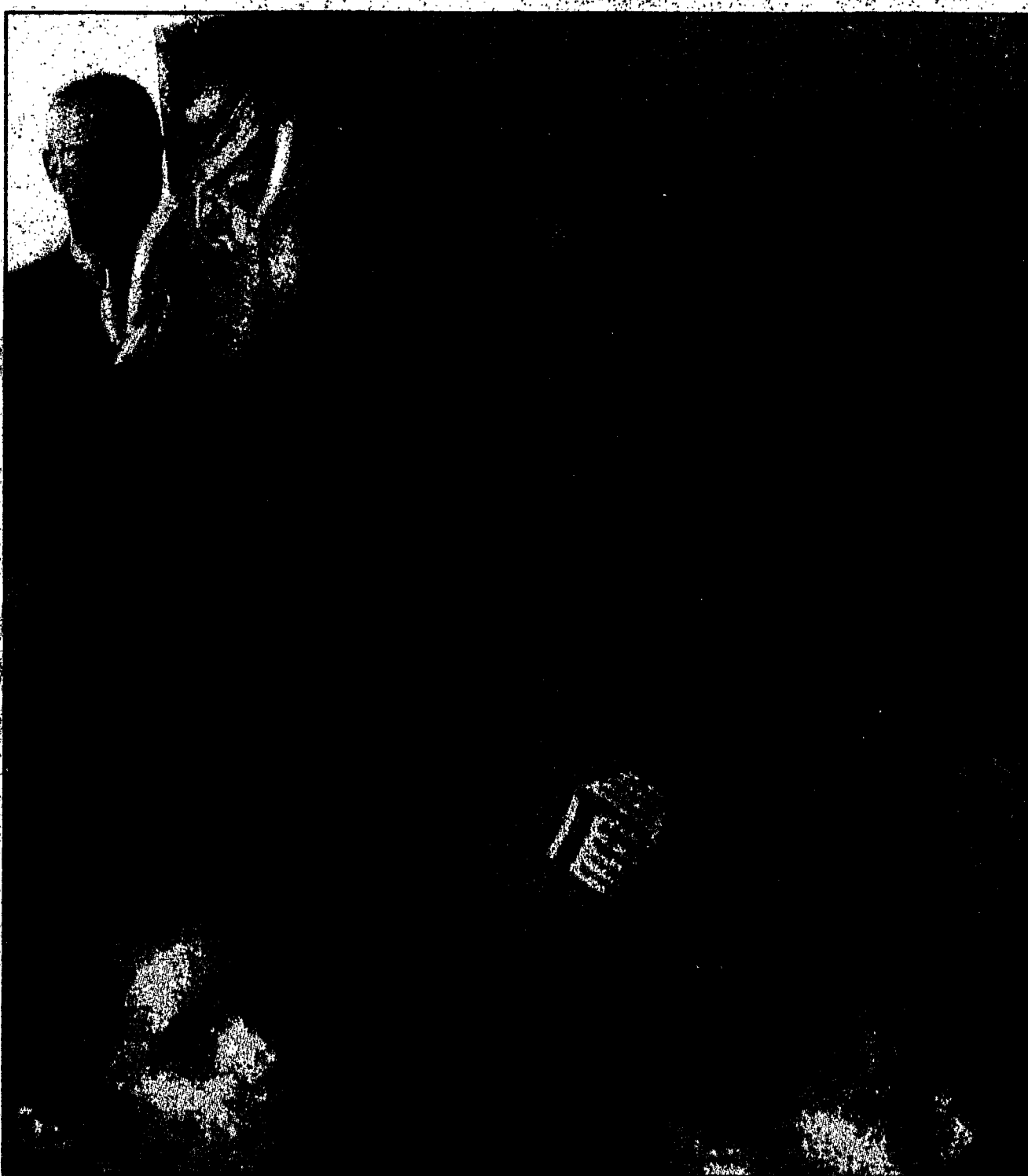
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International tennis star Anna Kournikova visits with children at the Boys and Girls Club at Waveland Elementary on Thursday. 16 of the Coast's Boys and Girls Clubs were devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Kournikova has vowed to raise at least \$10 million for the clubs to help them rebuild. She said Thursday that \$5 million has already been collected, "but there is still much more to do."



'9-11 pen pals' return the favor to students, teacher at North Bay

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

The last thing in the world that Jackie Wintruba thought in 2001 was that the kindness of her third grade class would be returned in such a wonderful way. Thursday, Wintruba and 17 of her children

from her 2002 third grade class, received \$1,000 each and \$13,000 dollars for the renovation of the parent center at North Bay Elementary. The money came from the Elizabeth, New Jersey Fire

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'Lay-offs' could save millions for county

Plan calls for feds to pick up salaries, but benefits would be lost

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Debris removal was a hot topic at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting. Some community members complained that the removal process was slow, and some worried that not all of the work will be completed before deadlines are reached.

"The debris removal may take some time," said Chairman Rocky Pullman. "We are under contract with the Corps of Engineers. As long as the Corps is handling cleanup it will be reimbursed 100 percent."

The Corps of Engineers reported to the board that over 7,600 Right Of Entries (ROE), have been signed county-wide and at this time only 144 have been completed.

Supervisor Steve Seymour took things a step further, saying that the Corps needs to step it up, but people should be patient.

"I'm not going to sugarcoat it, it's going to take a while," Seymour said. "When you have over 7,000 ROEs, they may drag their feet a little. I'm

"There is a grant program that will pay employees up to \$12,000 for six months and \$24,000 for a year. We could lay off all of our employees tomorrow, and they would be paid under the grant tomorrow."

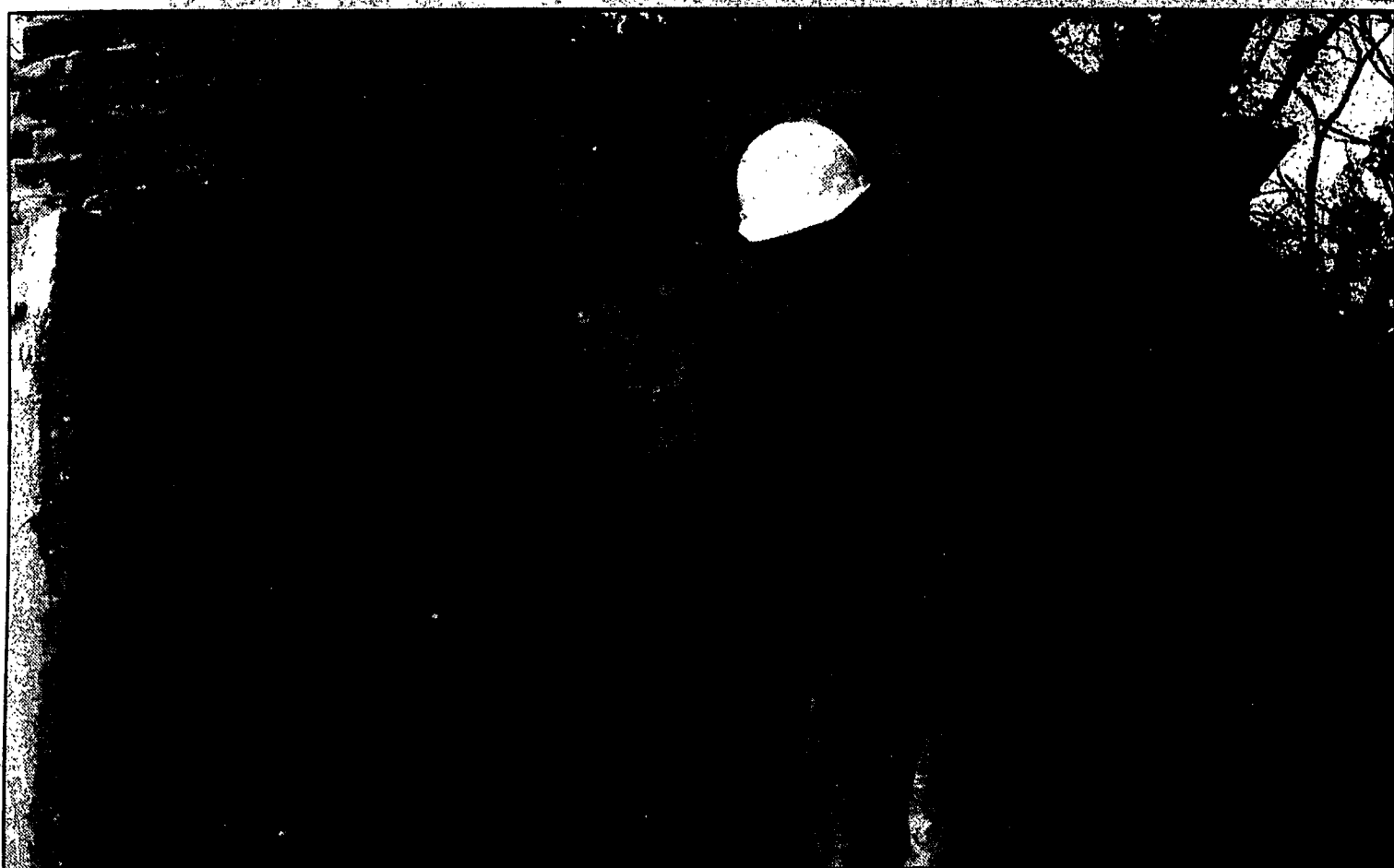
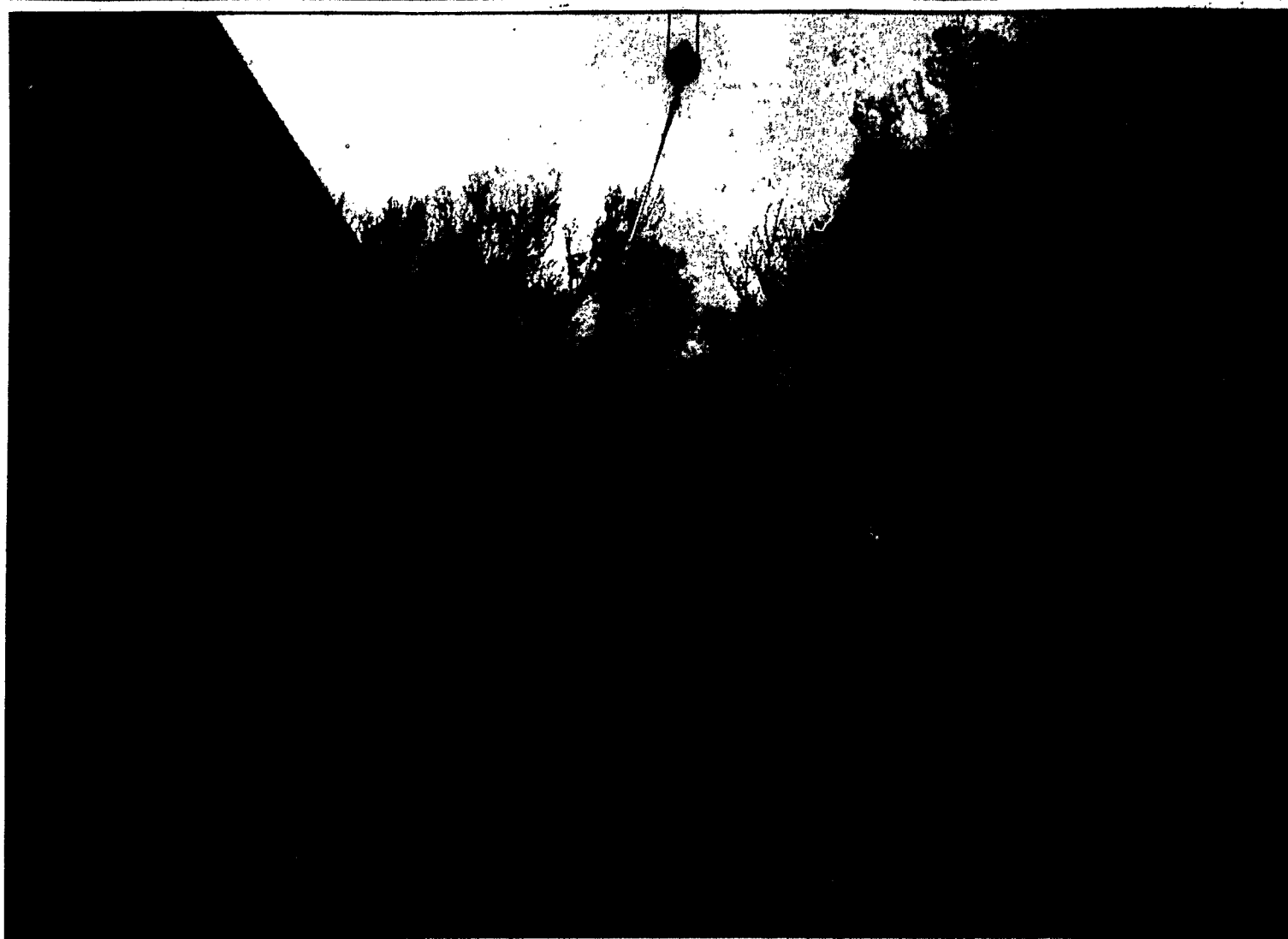
— Tim Kellar
Chancery Clerk

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Echo staff photo by Dwayne Bremer
Jackie Wintruba poses with some of her former students Thursday and officers of the Bay St. Louis and Elizabeth, N.J. fire departments.

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Volunteers from the World Monuments Fund, Preservation Trades Network, Mississippi Heritage Trust, the Mississippi Stone Guild and the Mississippi Department of Archives work at two hurricane-damaged homes on Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis on Wednesday.

Groups work to restore historic Bay homes damaged by Katrina

SEA COAST ECHO

The World Monuments Fund, working together with local partners and community groups, on Wednesday launched a new pilot program—Alternatives to Demolition: Demonstration Restoration Projects—aimed at helping to restore landmark historic structures while rallying communities along the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast. Organized and directed by WMF, this program will encompass a series of projects in Mississippi and New Orleans.

A team of master craftsmen specializing in traditional building trades from across the country and students from the University of Florida at Gainesville are volunteering their time during the holiday break to help rescue two houses that were severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina. A generous initial emergency grant of \$100,000 from the American Express Foundation has provided start-up funding for this program, which is now further funded with \$150,000 from The Florence Gould Foundation.

Part of a joint effort between WMF and Preservation Trades Network (PTN), working with Mississippi Heritage Trust and Mississippi Department

of Archives and History, these first demonstration restoration projects focus on the Hecker House and the Phillips House, charming historic homes nestled side-by-side along Bay St. Louis's North Beach Boulevard Historic District that are now in ruins.

Working with local partners and community groups, WMF will help make available to impacted property owners and the public recommendations and resources for preserving and restoring historic houses. Members of the technical team will be available to discuss resources and options for property owners who want to salvage historic building materials or want to learn more about restoration protocols.

The oldest portion of the Hecker House, one of the oldest surviving structures in Bay St. Louis, is a two-room, shotgun-type structure dating to as early as 1780. Like others in the region, the house, a former worker's cottage, was moved to its current location from a nearby oyster factory. And, like many landmarked houses along Mississippi's Gulf Coast, the Hecker home was almost totally destroyed by the high winds and especially the storm surge, which reached over 30 feet. The technical team will document and disas-

ble the house, saving its historic timber frame, siding, windows and doors, and other surviving details; WMF is taking temporary possession of the building materials for possible reconstruction in the future.

Purchased by the Hecker family in 1956, the house is currently owned by 86-year-old Charles Hecker of New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Hecker and his wife Irma evacuated during Hurricane Katrina and have since have returned to their double shotgun house in New Orleans' Uptown neighborhood. Although the house holds almost 50 years of memories of taking children and grandchildren to the beach, Mr. Hecker has made the difficult decision not to rebuild. This restoration project developed by WMF will demonstrate a range of options—including the salvage of historic building materials for reuse or possible reconstruction—to help mitigate the loss of hundreds, possibly thousands of partially ruined historic homes across Mississippi's coastal communities.

The Phillips House, built around 1840, represents a common historic building type along Mississippi's Gulf Coast: the raised, center hall house. Originally a one-and-half-story structure with a porch or "gallery,"

the house was modified over the years, including additions to the second-story and rear-yard, and a conversion to apartments. The house, however, retains much of its original architectural details, including plaster walls and interior woodwork. As a result of the removal of later additions and alterations by Hurricane Katrina, the house now is in a state closer to its original, antebellum appearance. The Phillips House is owned by 75-year-old Dorothy Phillips, whose husband purchased it from his great aunt, Marie Victoria Demourelle Gex, known by everyone in Bay St. Louis as "Tante Kit." The house has been in the Phillips family for six generations. Mrs. Phillips, a well known resident of the Bay St. Louis community, weathered Hurricane Camille in 1969 in her family home without any problems and so decided to do the same with Hurricane Katrina, a decision she soon regretted. Unlike Camille, Katrina destroyed the house's front porch, roof, and much of the second floor. Most of the house's wood siding was blown off, revealing its expertly crafted timber frame. Water from the storm surge damaged the first floor interiors and its contents including family antiques.

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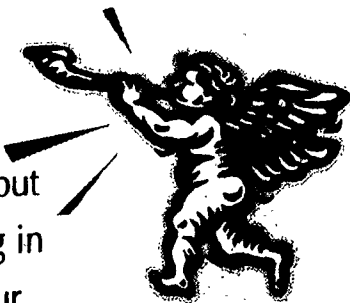
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Commander Eileen Collins and Mission Specialist Steve Robinson, two of NASA's "Return to Flight" astronauts, speak with employees on Wednesday at Stennis Space Center.

'Return to Flight' astronauts visit Stennis Space Center employees

BY DWAYNE
BREMER
Staff Writer

In late July and early August, America was captivated by the return to flight mission of the Space Shuttle Discovery. The flight was commanded by commander Eileen Collins, and mission specialist Steve Robinson made the historic space walk to repair gap fibers that were considered dangerous to the re-entry process.

On Tuesday, Collins and Robinson came to the John C. Stennis Space Center to thank NASA employees who provided valuable services in the pre-flight testing and tasking of the mission, as well as giving out the coveted "Snoopy Awards."

"The astronauts coming here has a huge effect

on all the employees, they said thanks and gave out a few awards," said Paul Foreman.

The Stennis Space Center was directly involved in the Discovery Mission. In the spring of 2004, nine main engines were tested at the Stennis site. Three engines were used for the flight, three were on standby and the other three were ready for the emergency vehicle, is it were to be needed.

Stennis engineers conducted test that simulated conditions on launch day, as well as testing helium gas flow through liquid hydrogen diffusers to compare results. When the mission was delayed by suspected false readings in the main engine cutoff, Stennis tested nine sensors, and found that all nine performed

normally.

"We intended on coming in September, but that was not practical," Collins said. "We just wanted to say thanks for all the hard work that made our mission a success."

Collins and Robinson said that they have been doing a lot of traveling since the mission was completed on Aug. 9. Collins feels the mission was an important step in NASA moving forward.

"We as explorers are hoping to one day get people off the planet in mass numbers for extended periods of time. We hope to go back to the moon and to Mars one day," Collins said.

During the mission, Robinson made a historic space walk to make repairs to gap fibers on the space shuttle.

"I had two concerns," Robinson said. "First I did not want to bump anything, and have the foam come lose, and second I wanted to make sure that I actually found it. I was outside for nearly 20 hours."

Collins said that the entire mission was a success, even though most of the attention was placed on the foam and gap fibers.

"The team did a great job. It was excellent teamwork from everyone," Collins said.

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Southern Miss establishes Katrina Research Center

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University of Southern Mississippi officials believe the school's newly established Hurricane Katrina Research Center will provide researchers and others with a definitive source for information about the worst natural disaster to hit the United States.

The Katrina Research Center will serve as a repository that collects, preserves and provides both physical and virtual access to documentary evidence related to Hurricane Katrina. Faculty and staff at the university are already working to build a comprehensive archive of research materials in a variety of formats, including photographs, oral histories, architectural records, and storm and recovery video, among others.

A formal announcement of the center's founding will be made in early 2006.

The Katrina Research

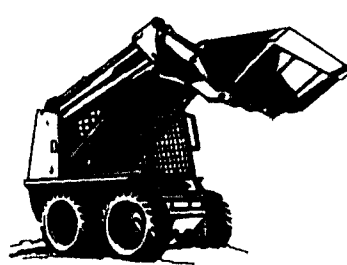
Center is actively seeking donations of the aforementioned items and others to house in the center, which will be located in University Libraries.

Those interested in making contributions are asked to also consider donating such items as scientific data; government and planning documents; before-and-after

(storm) photos; art; organizational records; literary works; sound recordings; Web site information, including message boards, Weblogs, etc.; journals or diaries; and printed items such as flyers or posters.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Memories of Christmas

Christmas is a fast approaching and not too many families will have the same celebrations as in previous years.

Hurricane Katrina has changed many things in our lives — and many more changes will take place in the years to come.

Hopefully, with the many organizations, churches, Hancock County Doll and Toy Fund, our youngsters will not be forgotten.

I know that when I was a child, I would always wonder what I would be receiving for Christmas.

Our children will for sure remember Christmas 2005 as one where many things were changed.

Many families will be separated because members are spread out all over the country.

We all have to have faith in the fact that our county will come back.

We will be better than ever in the years to come.

If you want to see a

different type of Christmas parade, you may want to view the 12th annual Kiln Cowboy Christmas Parade and VFW Children's Christmas Party on Sunday.

The parade will be in memory of Robert Moran, who passed away three days after Katrina. Robert was the parade's organizer since 1998, when he took over for his brother Eddie Moran, who passed away in January of that year.

The parade starts at noon at the Moran home on the Old Kiln Picayune Rd. at noon and ends up at the Kiln VFW Hall at 2 p.m., when children can visit with Santa and enjoy cake and punch.

It is good to hear that the Hancock County Courthouse will be saved in Bay St. Louis.

The courthouse, built in 1911, is on the National Register of Historic Buildings, and has played a great part in our history.

We have lost so much to Katrina that we still need some

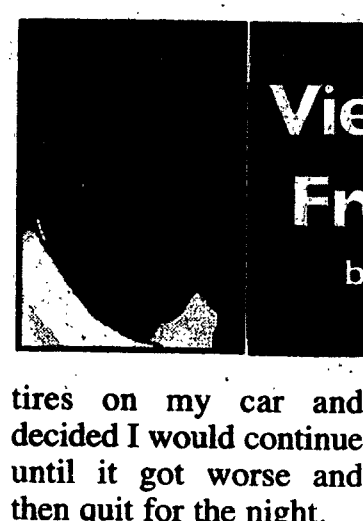
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A Christmas story

I've told this story before, but it bears repeating this time of year as it is as much of the essence of Christmas as the drummer boy's story.

It actually happened just after Thanksgiving several years ago when I was returning to Mississippi from a visit with my son in Maryland. I left at about noon, figuring it was going to be a long drive and I would get a good ways along before stopping for the night and finishing the trip the next day. Some snow was forecast and I wanted to get ahead of it.

When I reached Richmond, heavy flakes were starting to fall and the Virginia road crews were already out clearing the little amount of snow that had started to accumulate. I had all-weather



Views from a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza

tires on my car and decided I would continue until it got worse and then quit for the night.

It was a mistake.

As I crossed into North Carolina, I found that there were no state road crews out and the snow was already starting to drift across the road. There was little to no traffic. After about fifty or so miles, conditions started to get bad and I began to think about stopping. I passed a sign advertising a Holiday Inn thirty miles ahead.

By now I had slowed

to about thirty miles an hour and consoled myself that this would only be another hour's drive. Although the road conditions had deteriorated to only one lane, the car was handling well and it seemed to me that conditions were as bad as they could get. In a little over one hour I would be in a nice warm bed.

I was wrong. The radio was of little help. Mostly static and various North Carolina announcers telling me how the snow had caught everyone by surprise and that schools would be closed tomorrow.

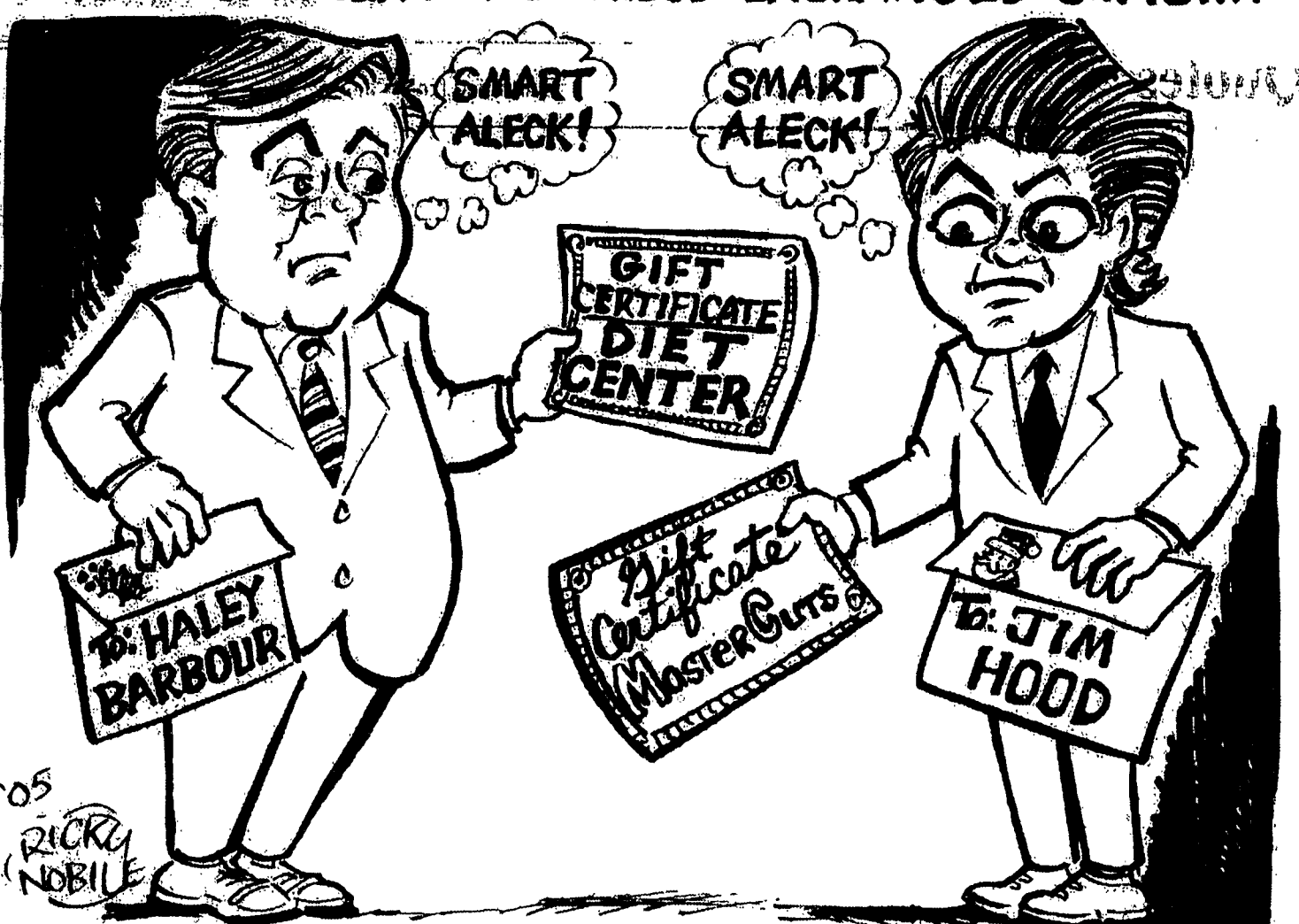
row. Oh yes, and that the storm was expected to worsen.

By now I knew this. The road had become extremely bad and I realized I had just passed an exit. I wanted to turn and head back to Richmond. The sign immediately after the exit ramp said that the next exit was fifteen miles. Maybe there would be a motel or something.

Soon I was down to five miles an hour and I realized it would take all my skill at driving for the next three hours to make it to the exit. I concentrated on staying inside the two barely visible ruts in the road. For the first time, I started to worry, the storm was getting even worse, and my

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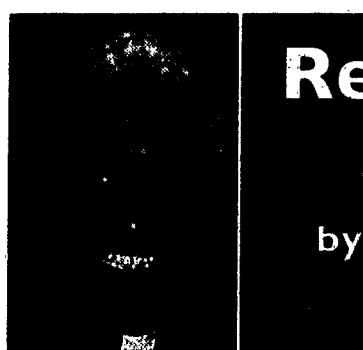
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Post-traumatic stress is here

Most of us probably associate Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder with the Gulf War or the Vietnam conflict. However, careful studies have traced the ravages of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in all the major wars of the past century, affecting servicemen of every warring country. I witnessed its awful visitation in a number of Vietnam veterans.

PTSD is not just a war phenomenon, but rather a human outgrowth of any kind of severe trauma such as childhood physical, especially sexual abuse, and most particu-



Reflections on Life

by Father Jerome Ledoux

larly rape. Apparently the highest per-capita cost of any psychological condition, PTSD is associated with an extremely high rate of medical and mental service use.

To no one's surprise, PTSD follows on the heels of numbing disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Health scientists who are read-

ing the symptoms tell us that suicides have doubled and close to a million people need some kind of therapy.

As in the cases of major wars, various people suffering the same tragedy come down with different afflictions: a debility syndrome as in WWI, a somatic disorder focused on the heart as in

WWI, a neuropsychotic syndrome as in WWII and the Gulf War.

Taking a page from the horrible trauma of war, we have incorporated into our daily vocabulary the term shell-shocked to indicate prolonged, overbearing stress of any kind which has thrown the human mind into a dazed, confused state. This was a frequent hurricane victim image wherever one turned or went after the storm. And still is.

Laypersons that most of us are, we nonetheless see some linkages

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between Katrina and the illnesses of church members, relatives or friends whose physical or mental health was teetering on the fence at the time of the big storm. In a number of cases, the ugly stress and raw trauma of the winds and waters seemed to push victims over the cliff of death.

Almost playfully, I had been referring to our generic plight of laboring under the burden of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, until I became painfully aware that no one was taking my remarks in a light manner. Au contraire, the remarks were clearly biting into a very sensitive area of the psyche of most people in this savaged area.

As previously reported, numerous citizens complained frequently of having senior moments, protesting that their recall of names and circumstances, as well of their awareness of days, dates and times is shot to pieces. To this day, I have no perception that any day of the week feels like that particular day used to feel and be identified.

In this present case of Gulf Coast victims, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder has a more specific wording: Post-Katrina Stress Disorder. It means the same thing, of course, except that PKSD spells out in particular detail what the cause of the malady is.

Heretofore, we routinely wrestled with Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) at this time of the year. Now, atop the usual — for many, dreaded — SAD, we are experiencing the added burden of PKSD. What is a girl or boy to do under a constant, extremely stressful, painful and unrelenting attack by these formidable siege weapons?

Yes, it is that time of the year again when the holiday blues, the anniversary syndrome and Seasonal Affective Disorder clobber millions of Americans. On any given day throughout the year, several million Americans are chronically, clinically depressed, meaning that they are in need of professional therapy at some level.

Upwards of 12 million Americans, while not clinically depressed, are sufficiently depressed to be miserable, especially at this “wonderful” time of the year. Health scientists point to a drastic wintry decrease in sunshine in many parts of the country, and the resulting gray, dreary, cold and unpleasant weather.

To make matters worse, such weather encourages heavier drinking than usual, further punctuating the heavy feeling of depression, since alcohol is a depressant. Contrary to the conventional thought

that alcohol stimulates our body and keeps it warm, alcohol dilates the body cells, causing them to radiate heat rapidly and thereby become colder.

This annual ordeal of SAD begins some time before Thanksgiving, accelerates quickly through Advent, then crescendos with a resounding, depressing emptiness through the merriment of Christmas and the New Year festivities.

Aggravated by myriads of wonderlands of millions of multi-colored lights and figures, Seasonal Affective Disorder taunts its hapless victims all the more, increasing darkness and depression even as countless lights suffuse the environs with color and brightness.

Taunted victims of SAD make their annual statements on their plight in view of the seemingly enforced merrymaking which invades them from all sides: “I hate the lights!”

I can't wait till these holidays are over! I wish all this were done and forgotten!”

Unmistakable, telltale signs paint the whole picture of the anniversary syndrome, of the holiday blues, of the pervasive Seasonal Affective Disorder. Those signs are the relatives and friends missing from last year and years gone by, and

those presently terminally ill.

Then comes Advent, the season of preparing for the Great Birth. The third Sunday of Advent is known as Rejoicing Sunday because of the Bible readings of the day, especially 1 Thessalonians 5:16 and Philippians 4:4, which admonish us to rejoice in the Lord always, no matter how troublesome are the problems and trials surrounding us.

This particular Rejoicing Sunday seemed to arrive almost as a mockery of the harsh realities surrounding the embattled Gulf Coasters. Rejoice always? Post-Katrina Stress Disorder and SAD appear to be shouting out the exact opposite of the order to rejoice.

Is this nothing more than a cruel mockery of everything we dream of, hope for and aspire to as human beings? How can we begin to handle all this, let alone rejoice in spite of it? Well, the fact is, we cannot handle it, nor can we rejoice given our strength alone.

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prevailed.

Historic buildings still have a place in everyday life.

It will be great for the return of our government-

tal functions at the courthouse when the renovation is once again completed.

Until next time.

Insurance claims paid in MS nearing \$7 billion mark

SEA COAST ECHO

Commissioner of Insurance George Dale announced that as of Friday, insurance companies have paid out nearly \$7 billion in hurricane related claims for Hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

The National Flood Insurance Program has now paid over \$1.5 billion in claims. The approximate total for claims paid now stands at \$6,829,792,100. Those numbers continue to rise as the Mississippi Insurance Department continues to work with companies and consumers on hurricane

related issues. As of today, there have been approximately 502,193 total claims filed. Of those, 497,793 claims filed on Hurricane Katrina and over 4,400 claims filed on Hurricane Rita.

In the three hardest hit coastal counties, over 141,000 claims have been filed, with nearly \$2 billion paid in claims in those counties alone, the approximate total for claims paid in the three coastal counties is \$1,947,791,008. In Jackson County there have been over 45,000 claims filed and over \$423 million in claims

paid. In Hancock County there have been over 24,000 claims filed and over \$350 million in claims paid.

In Harrison County there have been over 72,000 claims filed and over \$1.1 billion in claims paid. These figures do not include flood claims.

The call center for the Mississippi Department of Insurance is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for consumers to call for Hurricane Katrina insurance assistance. The numbers are: Locally - 601-359-2453; In State - 1-800-562-2957; Out-of-State - 1-866-856-1982.

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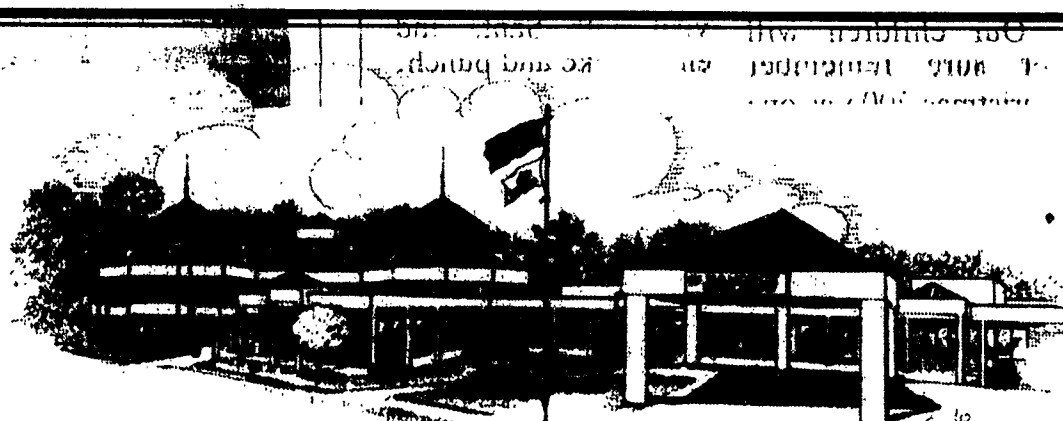
The playground at the Old City Hall in Bay St. Louis, damaged by Hurricane Katrina, will be reconstructed today. To undertake the rebuilding of this playground, used by Bay St. Louis area children, there is a request for 250 people to

provide volunteer labor. The playground is located behind the Old City Hall, 301 North 2nd Street, in Bay St. Louis. People can park at the Depot and walk over to the playground.

People can sign up at the site at 8 AM and

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Views -- Christmas story

gas gauge said less than a quarter of a tank.

Three times I saw dark humps that were cars lying at odd angles in the center median and in the down slopping shoulders that bordered the road. These were mostly covered by snow and their interiors were dark. Were they abandoned or were there people in these cars? I was too scared to stop, not sure I could get my skidding, twisting car moving again. And even if I did stop, I had no coat or boots to push my way through the deep snow to those isolated mounds to check.

Finally, the exit appeared and it seemed that the wind had blown the ramp clear of snow. I started up and found that although the snow was gone, there was ice. I was half way up when the rear of the car turned slightly and, before I could compensate, I had spun off the ramp deep into a snow bank.

I was helpless. There was no way I could get the car out of the snow. Even my getting out of the car was impossible. With the shoes I had on, I might as well have been barefoot. I turned the headlights off and for the first time looked around me. There was not a filling station or any sign of a motel at the road at the top of the ramp, not even a house. Nothing.

Up to the head of the ramp, I could see what appeared to be two dim

headlights moving down the ramp toward me through the falling snow. It was a John Deere tractor and it stopped just above me and the driver climbed down from the tractor's single seat and moved down the slope to where I was stranded.

I rolled down the window and stared at the bundled up figure peering at me through a heavy muffler.

"I can't pull you up to the top, the ice is too much," he yelled over the noise of the wind. "Ain't nothing up there anyways. If I get you down, do you think you can make it to the next exit? It's about eight miles and there's a motel there and stuff."

I nodded and he went back to the tractor and got a towline. For a moment he disappeared in the snow in front of the car and then stood up and, giving me a thumbs up, headed back to his tractor. All of this was slow going in the snow and once he slipped on the ice. Once back at the tractor, he mounted the seat and after twisting around to signal me once more, drove the tractor down the ramp.

The car twisted violently and then moved slowly out of the bank up onto the side rather than on the roadway. I realized he was trying to keep off the icy ramp where I would perhaps slide and run him down. I started the engine to keep

the car somewhat under control and after a few minutes he had pulled me back on the highway into the two barely visible ruts.

He got down and again, disappearing under the car, retrieved his towline and placed it on the rear of the tractor. Slowly, almost ponderously, he made his way back to my window.

"It ain't perfect," he panted, "but it's the best I can do." I was exuberant with my thanks and asked how much I owed him.

"No money," he laughed. "I heard the news of the snow on the radio and came over to the exit here to see if I could help some. I live with my wife about a mile down the road. We don't have this kind a' weather too often. Figured people would be needing a tow or something. I managed to help about five."

"You're the first come by in awhile. I'm going to have to call it quits; I'm freezing cold. Been here almost four hours. I don't reckon anyone else will be able to get here anymore tonight."

I could see the bundled figure in the dim light off the reflecting snow. I couldn't tell if he was heavy set or thin, or even how old he was. He seemed of average height although in the snow it was hard to tell. Except for the North Carolina accent, he was undistin-

guished in any way. I could have passed him on the street and not even noticed our passing. Yet here he was when I needed help.

We said goodbye and I drove on, taking my concentration off the road for a split second to see in back of me, the light of his tractor going back up the ramp.

About an hour or so later, I made it to the Holiday Inn that was packed with stranded travelers such as myself. It was another adventure that while memorable to me is not the purpose of my telling about this incident. My main purpose is to describe a man who left his warm house to go down to the road "to see if I could help some." And when he found that he could, he stayed until he could help no more.

No, it wasn't Christmas, but the spirit that permeates this time of year for us appears to stay in his heart for all of the days of the year. I've decided that when I die and go to heaven, he will be the first person I'll look up. If he is not there, I'll go out by the gate and wait.

He'll be along, sooner or later.

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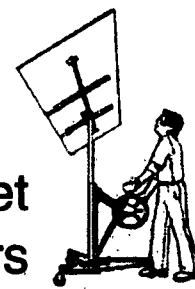
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Wisconsin residents visit Kiln

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Joann Ebbers, from Cleveland, WS and Kay Bossey from Manitowac, WS are members of Phi Theta Kappa Sorority of the Lakeshore Tech College in Cleveland. They saw the news on television of the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina. What they saw on television was the faces of children looking lost and confused. Joann had the idea of gathering enough money to buy books to bring down to East Hancock Elementary School for K, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade

children. One hundred and fifty dollars was gathered in a short time. Joann was afraid that she could not get a lot of books with that.

Santa does exist. She went to Scholastic Book Store in Cleveland and presented her case. She told the owner her dilemma and wound up with 417 books, 327 toys and a lot of other goodies.

December 14, they had the pleasure of hand delivering books to the students at East Hancock Elementary.

The highlight of the visit was reading "How

the Grinch Stole Christmas" to the students.

On December 15, the two ladies will visit the Hawks Nest at Hancock High School to present books to the classes there. The remainder of the books, toys, etc will be distributed throughout Hancock County.

The love and outpouring of compassion from people like Joann and Kay with their thoughtfulness and gifts touch the lives of so many. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts. Merry Christmas to you all.

Other Needs Assistance Program

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency want to help Hurricane Katrina survivors cover the costs of necessary and serious expenses related to the disaster. Uninsured or underinsured Mississippians still struggling to pay for disaster related needs may be eligible to receive help from the Other Needs Assistance (ONA) program.

If household income is below a certain level or an applicant doesn't qualify for a low-interest loan from the Small Business Administration (SBA),

they may become eligible for ONA.

The ONA program may help individuals and families pay for items and services such as:

- Medical and dental care
- Funeral costs (as a result of the hurricane)
- Transportation expenses
- Household items and clothing
- School supplies
- Tools used for your job
- Equipment to help you get back into your damaged home such as power tools, and dehumidifiers

ONA grants may also help repair or replace cars and other vehicles necessary for transporta-

tion. The money can also be used for moving and storing personal property to avoid additional damage while disaster repairs are being made to the home.

If you are in a designated disaster area in Mississippi and believe you may be eligible for assistance through FEMA's ONA program, you are encouraged to call the teleregistration and Helpline at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585 for the speech or hearing-impaired. The lines operate from 6:00 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week.

The last day to register is January 11, 2006.

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David Bourgeois of Clermont Harbor saw a Christmas tree rolling around on Hwy. 90 on Wednesday morning. He picked it up and tied it to the barricade at the hurricane-damaged Bay St. Louis bridge in order to preserve it.

9-11 pals

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Department, the same fire department that Wintruba's class befriended four years ago.

"This just goes to show that we live in a great world," Wintruba said. "I'm just so excited for these kids, they can really see the human spirit at work here."

Shortly after the Sep 11 tragedy, Wintruba and her neighbor Terry Walker decided to try to do something to help. Wintruba had all 17 of her students write letters, notes, and photos to the fire fighters from Elizabeth NJ. Fire Department. Walker proceeded to paint a mail box red, white, and blue, and the letters were sent in the mailbox to the firefighters working at the World Trade Center.

The letters touched the firefighters, as well as retired chief Lou Kelly, who stressed his thanks in a letter to Wintruba.

"The mailbox painted as an American flag may have seemed like a small gesture on your part, but to us, it meant much, much, more," Kelly said. "It was because of the thoughtfulness and support of you, your students, and so many other people like you, doing the little things, that we were able to find our way through it all."

After Hurricane Katrina devastation of the Gulf Coast, the Elizabeth Fire Department decided to help. The dept. sent firefighters to New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, and they set up a Katrina Disaster Relief Drive in Elizabeth. The new fire headquarters which was still under construction was used for the first time as a collection point. There was over 14 tons of food and

clothing were donated by the people of Elizabeth. The firefighters decided that they wanted to do even more, and they organized a "Fill The Boot" campaign, where firefighters collected money in their boots from people driving throughout the city. This resulted in the collection of \$53,000 dollars. Funds were also donated by the Union County Fire Department, the Fire Emerald Society, Elizabeth Fire Officers Association Local 2040, Elizabeth

Fire Department Centennial Committee, as well as personal donations from employees, and retired fire fighters.

The Fire Department sent each child \$1,000 dollars as well \$13,000 dollars for the parent center at North Bay Elementary which was destroyed by Katrina. The Bay St. Louis Fire Department was donated a fire truck, and supplies from the Elizabeth

"This is all because of one woman's efforts. This is a true blessing that these people remembered all of us," said Dorothy Graham.

Six of the children now in seventh grade, were reunited with Wintruba Thursday morning at Bay-Waveland Middle School, and the Bay St. Louis Fire Department was there to help in passing out the checks.

Wintruba said that she

has made contact with all seventeen children, and that they will be getting their checks soon.

Parents and children alike were stunned that the Elizabeth Fire Department went to such lengths to help out.

"We are very thankful," said James Hooten, who is a parent of one of the children. "It's nice for the kids to see what it means to help others, and have others step up and help them as well."

Children that were in attendance were Corey Floyd, Alexandria Flood, Kimberly Carver, Miranda Adams, Trae Hooten, and Tervor Wilkinson.

Holiday Ballet Gala is today in Biloxi; features local dancers

There will be a Holiday Ballet Gala featuring Ian Carney and Eleanor Bernard, with Ballet Theatre South and Coast Youth Ballet Ensemble this Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Saenger Theatre for the Performing Arts. Under the direction of Sharon Loiacano. Tickets at the Ballet Theatre School or call 822-0490.

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not about to jeopardize Hancock County, and pay 10 percent of 20 million dollars because we want to fire the Corps. That's just dumb business sense."

Pullman expressed concern about the county's future budget status.

"The federal government needs to figure it out. If they don't help supplement the local governments' budgets, then all of the counties will go broke real soon," Pullman said.

Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar offered an idea that may save the county some money in the short term.

"There is a grant program that will pay employees up to \$12,000 for six months and \$24,000 for a year," Kellar said. "We could lay off all of our employees tomorrow, and they would be paid under the grant tomorrow. This could potentially mean millions for the county."

Under this plan, no county worker would lose their job. The only difference would be that the employees would be paid by the grant and not the county. Kellar said there are questions about the retirement system, as well as insurance that must be worked out before any further discussion can take place.

In other business:
• The county voted 4-0

to lift the burn ban that has been in effect since Katrina, and the Supervisors accepted a check for \$144,533.53 from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for Seawall restoration.

* A FEMA representative reported that there are still 17 people living in tents, but that number should be cut in half by the end of the week. FEMA also reported that Bechtel has agreed to refurbish the park on Herlihy St. in Waveland for no charge.

• Supervisor Lisa Coward offered a motion that residents in south Diamondhead be allowed to put in private wells for water, until services are completely restored. The motion passed 4-0.

Members present were Coward, Pullman, Seymour, and Jay Cuevas.

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A Beacon of Hope



East Hancock Elementary Receives Blue Ribbon Lighthouse Award

Thirty schools from across the United States were named as Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School Award winners. East Hancock Elementary received the award in a ceremony Friday, December 2, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Cheryl Ramseyer, principal, and Joan Breazeale, gifted teacher, presented at the Blue Ribbon Schools Blueprint for Excellence Conference sharing information on Power Hour, Thinking Maps and Interactive Writing. Blue Ribbon Lighthouse Schools focus on locating successful best practices and programs that work in education to serve as a marker for schools that desire to be high performing beacons for our educational culture. The Blue Ribbon Lighthouse recognizes schools for "going above and beyond" to meet the diverse needs of their students.

MS Gulf Coast planning effort accelerates

SEA COAST ECHO

Just in time for Christmas... What may be the most intensive planning effort in history has moved into a new phase with the distribution of two post-Katrina planning guidebooks.

Following Hurricane Katrina, Governor Haley Barbour created the Governor's Commission on Recovery, Rebuilding and Renewal. In an October planning session, teams of architects, engineers and town planners from Mississippi and around the world collaborated around-the-clock for six days with officials from 11 devastated Coast towns and the three coastal Mississippi counties. They visited neighborhoods, talking to local residents and leaders about their vision for their town's future. This participatory and inclusive effort produced bold, comprehensive strategies for rebuilding the Gulf Coast.

The planning teams reunited in each town recently for three days (from Nov. 30-Dec. 2) with the final proposals. The teams' final town proposals are available on-line at www.governorscommission.com and www.mississippirenewal.com. Two printed publications - a Summary Report and A Pattern Book for Gulf Coast Neighborhoods, a guide to designing and building in patterns consistent with South Mississippi architectural

traditions - are available free of charge at city halls and other locations across the Coast.

Readers of the Summary Report and the Gulf Coast Pattern Book will quickly grasp the scope of the planning effort.

The Summary Report is the sketch of all eleven towns' plans as well as important Coastwide planning issues. It includes strategies for integrating neighborhood and town center design with regional transportation planning and retail development. Teams of planners studied affordable housing, regional mass transit options, environmentally friendly construction, and the social impact of planning decisions. They customized a comprehensive approach to zoning for each town. And they supplied not only words to describe the process, but also hundreds of images to show residents how new boulevards and parks could look and how they can preserve and recreate the feel of long-admired regional architecture.

The Pattern Book compiles attractive designs that preserve the best traditions of Gulf Coast architecture. It includes drawings of houses, floor plans, and important building details - all a homeowner or homebuilder needs to design or rebuild a beautiful home.

These documents are

likely to have lives far beyond South Mississippi. Already, national publications, including the New York Times, have featured stories about the Summary Report and the Pattern Book. Other communities will see the Commission's approach and the Renewal Forum process as planning models. But the printed guidebooks, along with other Commission-sponsored meetings and seminars can be of immediate use to the Coast. More than just a brainstorming exercise, the proposals and plans provide specific, practical tools for realizing the long-term dreams of Gulf Coast residents devastated by Katrina.

"These are only tools, and the local communities must decide what works best for them," said Barksdale. "But future generations will remember us for how we responded to this terrible crisis, and we want them to say we took advantage of this opportunity the best way we could."

By the end of the year, these proposals will become part of the Commission's broader report to Governor Haley Barbour. Governor Barbour will pass the research and recommendations back to the affected towns and counties, who will have the ultimate responsibility for enacting the proposals.

"Fortunately," says

Jim Barksdale, chair of the Governor's Commission, "we will never have an opportunity like this again. The slate is clean, and we have worked with Coast residents to draw plans worthy of their hopes and dreams. I hope people will study these proposals carefully and use them to make the best possible decisions as they rebuild their towns better than ever."

For the follow-up Workshop, the Commission broadened the discussion to include

federal and state experts on recovery and funding. Participants included private sector developers, including the casinos. The private sector, says Barksdale, "knows that good plans are an engine for economic growth."

An unprecedented disaster required an unprecedented planning effort. Katrina's winds, flooding, and storm surge left thousands homeless and threatened the physical, social, and economic infrastructure of a region that stretches along the Gulf Coast. Katrina's

aftermath created a sense of urgency for the Renewal Forum planning in October and inspired a set of proposals vast in scope and ambitious in detail. Nothing like the 200 participant, six-day Forum and the resulting reports has ever been attempted in so short a time. Planners credit "the lightning-fast, decision-making leadership from Mississippi's governor" for making it possible to go "from a handshake to the conclusion of an enormous body of work in little over a month."

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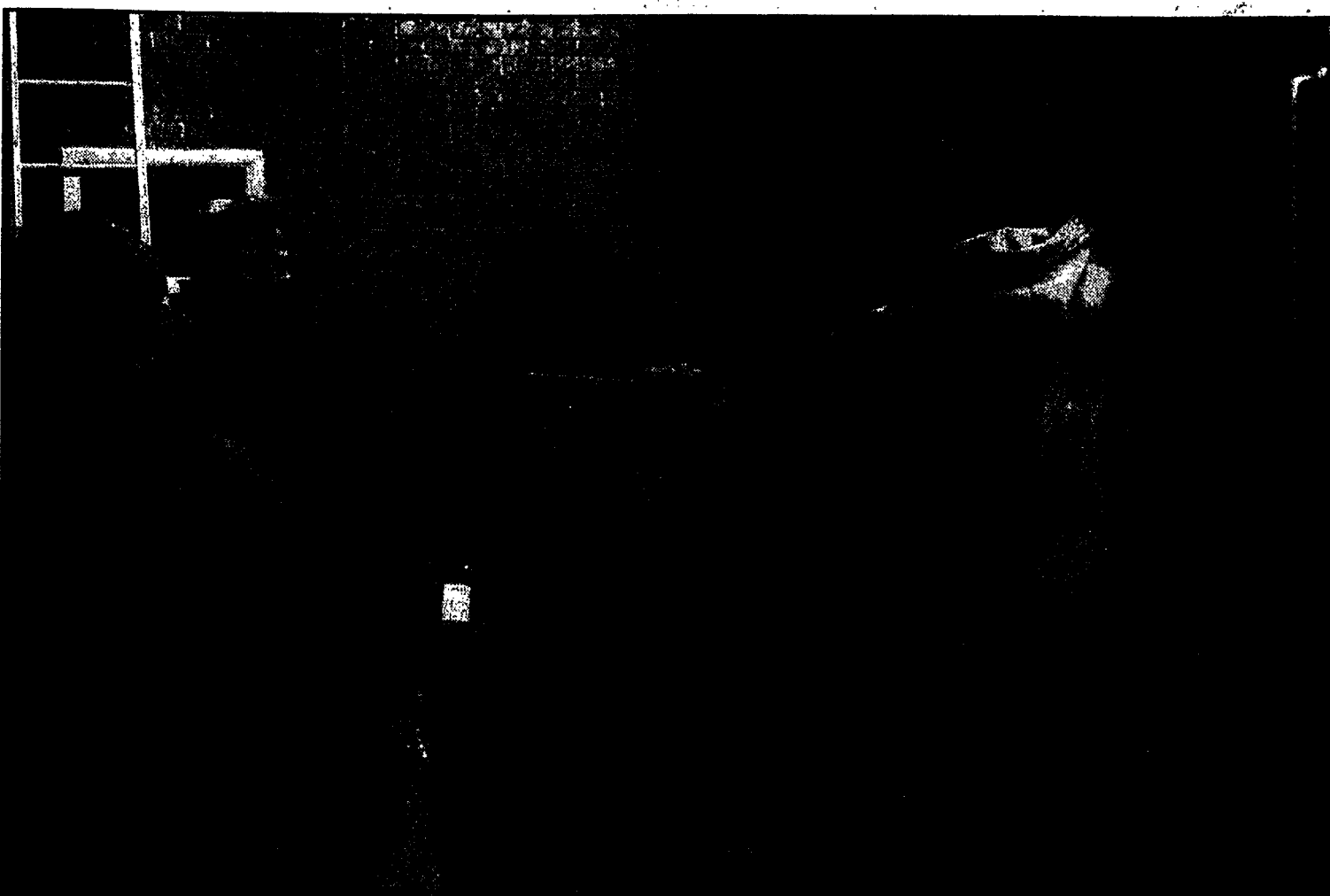
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Gwen Impson, director of the ARTS of Hancock County (left), and Lynn McMullan of the Hattiesburg Arts Council, unload a display case of water color paints on Friday afternoon.

Echo staff photos by Jece Ponder



Conrad Kern, the truck driver from Santa Fe and fellow artist, helps Lynn McMullan, of the Hattiesburg Arts Council, unload supplies on Friday afternoon. Diamondhead resident and artist Barbara Boos looks on.

Art supplies arrive from Santa Fe

SEA COAST ECHO

A rented truck carrying almost \$40,000 worth of art supplies arrived in Bay St. Louis on Friday. Volunteers who helped unload the truck were awestruck by the amount and variety of art supplies. The supplies will be inventoried next week before disbursement begins.

This project was the result of several people and agencies, chief

among them Santa Fe artist Carole Pigott, who was originally from Jackson MS.

She obtained the supplies from artisans in Santa Fe and made all the shipping arrangements.

The truck was driven by Santa Fe artist Conrad Kern while the fuel was paid by the Hattiesburg Arts Council. The

Mississippi Arts Commission coordinated the project with The Arts,

Hancock County.

The Arts was chosen as the drop off site because the organization has spent weeks identifying the needs of local artists.

Recipients need not be members of The Arts. However, any artist needing supplies is asked to fill out a simple form describing what they need both short term and long term.

After learning about

the devastation on the Gulf coast, Carole felt impelled to get involved. Her vision is to provide artists with the tools they need to get back to work.

The shipment included: oil paints, watercolors, acrylics, paper, mat board, easels, pastels, stretchers, canvas, and much, much more, a loom, and a kiln.

For more information, call 228-263-6530.

Disaster Recovery Centers to close for Christmas holiday, will reopen Dec. 27

Disaster Recovery Centers throughout Mississippi will close at 6 p.m. Dec. 23, through Dec. 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday, announce state and federal officials.

"The holidays are a time when we come together with family and friends to celebrate the many blessings we enjoy as Americans," said Nick Russo, federal coordinating officer for the Mississippi recovery efforts. The centers will reopen Dec. 27 and resume normal hours at 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and

continue to be closed on Sundays. The centers serve individuals and families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

People affected by Hurricane Katrina are urged to register for assistance before visiting a Disaster Recovery Center by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585 for the speech- or hearing-impaired or by going online at www.fema.gov. The deadline to apply for disaster assistance is Jan. 11, 2006.

Representatives of state, federal and voluntary agencies will be on

hand to answer questions and provide recovery information. Officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration will be available to discuss disaster loans for

homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes. Written materials about various assistance programs are also available to individuals and business owners.

Deadline for public assistance extended

The deadline for applicants to submit a request for public assistance from FEMA has been extended from Nov. 30 to Dec. 30. Any applicant who has not submitted a request for public assistance may do so until Dec. 30. Government agencies, special districts and private non-profits can apply for FEMA's public assistance from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. by calling 601-965-2596, or anytime online at www.mississippipa.org.

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Obituaries

PAT BARRAS JOHANNA DAGNALL

JOSEPH DAGNALL
Pat Barras, 88 of Bay St. Louis, MS died December 12, 2005 in Bay St. Louis, MS. He was born on October 12, 1917 in Arnaudville, LA and have lived in Bay St. Louis, MS for the past 28 years. Pat was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pearlinton, MS. He liked to go hunting, fishing and crabbing.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Adolphe and Corine Barras; 2 brothers, Helton and James Barras.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Barras of Bay St. Louis, MS; 3 sons, Wayne Oullie of New Orleans, LA, Denny Barras, Keith Barras; 2 daughters, Karen Barras of New Orleans, LA and Darlene Barras of Texas; and a sister, Vera Bergeron of Arnaudville, LA. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces & nephews.

Visitation will be on Friday, December 16, 2005 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS with a prayer service at 11:00 am. Interment will follow in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

JOHANNA DAGNALL JOSEPH DAGNALL

Johanna Renac and Ralph Joseph Dagnall, died on Monday, August 29, 2005 in Bay St. Louis, MS during Hurricane Katrina. Johanna was born September 12, 1936 in Pittsburgh, PA, Ralph was born on January 14, 1932 in Pittsburgh, PA and they have lived in Bay St. Louis, MS for the past 36 years. They were members of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS and Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

and the Bay-Waveland Beach Front Association. Johanna loved to roller skate and enjoyed teaching others the sport. Ralph enjoyed flying his airplane and fishing. Johanna is preceded in death by her parents, Nikola A. & Anne Lellock Renac and Ralph parents, James F. & Delores Melville Dagnall.

They are survived by 3 daughters, Nicole Cleveland of Bay St. Louis, MS, Georgiana Dagnall of Santa Clara, CA, and Jennifer Dagnall of Adamsville, TN. Johanna's sister, Julie Minnicci of Huntington, PA; and Ralph's 2 brothers, Tom Dagnall of Florida and Richard Dagnall of Simpsonville, SC.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, December 19, 2005 from 9:00 am until the Prayer Service at 11:00 am.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

U.S. Senate passes almost \$6 Billion Katrina Tax Cut Bill

The U.S. Senate Friday morning by unanimous consent passed a tax bill which includes almost \$6 billion in tax cuts and incentives for Katrina-impacted counties, including at least 40 in Mississippi, according to Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi, a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee who wrote most of the bill's provisions.

To secure the bill's immediate passage, Senator Lott brokered a compromise agreement between the Senate and House. In the face of stiff House resistance to gaming establishments being eligible for Katrina tax incentives, Senator Lott authored language allowing tax bonus depreciation incentives for the gaming complex - including buildings, hotels, restaurants and entertainment facilities - but not gaming equipment or gaming room construction.

"This will help get cash back into the pockets of businesses and individuals who're trying to rebuild their lives and communities," Lott said. "By significantly lowering the cost of capital for small, medium, and large businesses alike, the provisions in this legislation will spur business investment on the Gulf Coast, increase the supply of affordable housing, and put dislocated employees back to work."

"We've been at this for several months now," and Mississippians have been patient but deserve action now," Senator Lott said. "This is a vitally important bill. It is critical that we pass it today, and that it's sent to the president for his signature before Congress adjourns."

The bill contains more than a dozen Katrina-related tax incentives for the Gulf Opportunity (GO) Zone, defined as that portion of the Katrina disaster area determined by President Bush to warrant individual assistance from the federal government under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

The legislation will allow businesses temporary relief from some taxation and regulations to re-establish their places of employment. "By significantly lowering the cost of capital for small, medium, and large businesses alike, these provisions will spur business investment on the Mississippi coast," Lott said. "For instance, businesses would be permitted to expense 50 percent of the cost of new equipment, in addition to some commercial and residential rental real estate expenditures."

Lott said one provision in particular focuses on helping small businesses in the disaster zone. Small businesses could deduct up to \$200,000 of the cost of property used in their enterprises and increase their level of investment, allowing more small businesses to

use this benefit in rebuilding.

The Katrina tax cut package increases by \$4.8 billion the amount of tax exempt bonds Mississippi can allocate in the GO Zone through 2010, and allows an additional advanced refunding for all bonds issued prior to 2007 within the GO Zone by the State of Mississippi and by all local bond issuers. "This provision effectively allows cash-strapped localities to restructure their debt, delaying payments on

principal and interest while their tax base is reestablished," Senator Lott said. The bill provides \$1 billion in New Markets Tax Credits for companies investing in Mississippi businesses and construction. To infuse businesses that have lost revenue with cash, it allows out a net operating loss carryback for businesses, public utilities and small timber growers for new investment and repair, business casualty losses, and moving, temporary housing expenses.

Mississippians should stay alert for carbon monoxide

As Mississippians continue to rebuild their lives from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, they should stay alert for the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning when spending more time in their vehicles or using unfamiliar fuel-burning heaters, generators or appliances in and around their homes. Opening doors and windows or operating fans will not guarantee your safety from this silent but deadly killer.

The risk of carbon monoxide poisoning is particularly high during the cold weather season for Hurricane Katrina victims who are away from their homes and normal routines. Already, two deaths have occurred in Mississippi as a result of operating generators indoors.

"Often after a natural disaster, like Hurricane Katrina, when people

have lost power, they will use alternate sources of energy to cook and heat with," said Nick Russo, federal coordinating officer for the Mississippi recovery. "We urge people to exercise caution and use good common sense around these types of appliances not only as we move into the colder months, but year-round."

Carbon monoxide poisoning from the use of fuel-burning appliances kills more than 200 people each year and sends about 10,000 to hospital emergency rooms for treatment. Others die from carbon monoxide produced while burning charcoal inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent. Still others die from carbon monoxide produced by cars unintentionally left running in attached garages or gas-powered generators where the exhaust can accumulate

in living spaces.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas produced by burning any fossil fuel. The initial symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to the flu and include dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea, and irregular breathing. High-level exposure to carbon monoxide can cause death.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends that consumers use gasoline-powered generators outdoors to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Furthermore, every living space should have at least one carbon monoxide detector that meets the requirements of the most recent Underwriters Laboratories Standard 2034 or the requirements of the International Approval Services 6-96 standard.

Diamondhead Continuing Education offers art workshop with Joy Wilson

Diamondhead Continuing Education is sponsoring a three-day art workshop given by the renowned Joy Wilson starting on January 7, 2006. The workshop focuses on dry brush oil

portraiture using only six colors. The class will be limited to eight students and the cost is \$225.00 plus supplies. The classes will be held at Aloha Gallery and Frame Shop in Diamondhead

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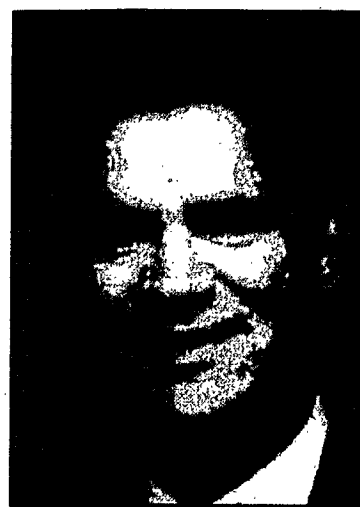
United Way of South Mississippi announces restart of 2006 Campaign to focus on future

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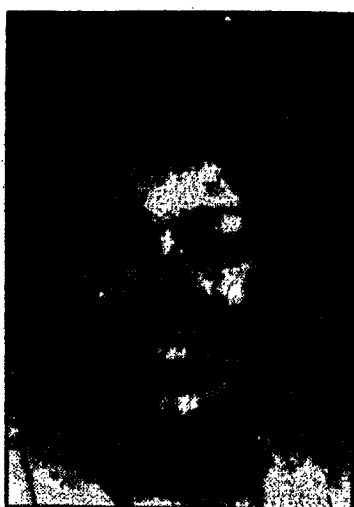
Leaders of United Way of South Mississippi announced today that the organization is resuming its 2006 campaign to support the work of its 33 partner agencies in Harrison, Hancock and Pearl River Counties while continuing to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The United Way 2006 Campaign had been scheduled to kick off with an event on August 30, the day after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast. While the campaign start was delayed, the organization has been working vigorously throughout the last three months to support local relief and recovery efforts, as donations poured in from across the country.

"We have received more than \$865,424 from individuals, companies and not-for-profit organizations all wanting to



John Watson, United Way President



Donna Alexander, United Way of South Mississippi

help the people of our communities," said Donna Alexander, executive director of United Way of South Mississippi. "During the first 90 days, we have put more than \$351,577 to work through our agency and community partners who were providing food, shelter and emergency assistance to people through Harrison, Hancock and Pearl River Counties," she added.

Moving ahead now with the United Way

2006 Campaign, however, is an important step in focusing on the future. "Nearly every person in South Mississippi has been helped in some way by one of the agencies supported by United Way," said United Way board president John Walton. "I certainly was and I am deeply grateful." As United Way continues to support those providing emergency assistance, Walton added, "we are committed to assessing and

addressing the long-term problems facing our area and helping improve the lives of people of our communities. We anticipate approximately \$500,000 additional dollars will now be directed to those long-term recovery efforts."

Support and encouragement for restarting the United Way 2006 Campaign was initiated last month by many of the businesses that have conducted campaigns in past years. 2006 Campaign Chair Rich Westfall said, "It has been extremely gratifying to have major Gulf coast employers across South Mississippi contact United Way to express their hopes for resuming the 2006 Campaign. More than a dozen companies already have begun their campaigns, with many offering to employees simply

to continue their current pledges into the new year." Westfall also indicated that many companies which have come to help in the recovery and rebuilding of South Mississippi will be asked to consider making a corporate gift or one-time contribution.

In the coming weeks, campaign volunteers will be calling on businesses to resume campaign efforts; however, volunteers are in shorter supply than in years past, according to Donna Alexander. "United Way staff members and volunteers will reach out to as many businesses as possible, but we also welcome anyone who needs campaign materials to call our office now." Alexander offered these tips for those wishing to donate or conduct a campaign:

- Employers should

not wait to be contacted by United Way - all businesses that have run campaigns in the past cannot be called on due to limited numbers of volunteers.

- Employees are encouraged to ask their employers about campaign details or contact United Way of South Mississippi directly.

- Individuals wishing to donate can complete a pledge form online, at www.uw-sm.org, or by calling United Way of South Mississippi directly.

The headquarters of United Way of South Mississippi were severely damaged during Hurricane Katrina. To contact Donna Alexander or other staff members at their temporary office in Gulfport, please note and call their new telephone number, at (228) 539-2243.

Toy give-away miscommunication

A toy give-away, scheduled for Friday, December 16, at the Bay St. Louis Fire Department, did not occur as planned. Coast Kids Christmas, Inc. had announced in a press release published in the Sea Coast Echo, that up to three toys per child

would be distributed to children ages 0-12, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the fire station. A large number of people started arriving by 6 a.m. and were turned away.

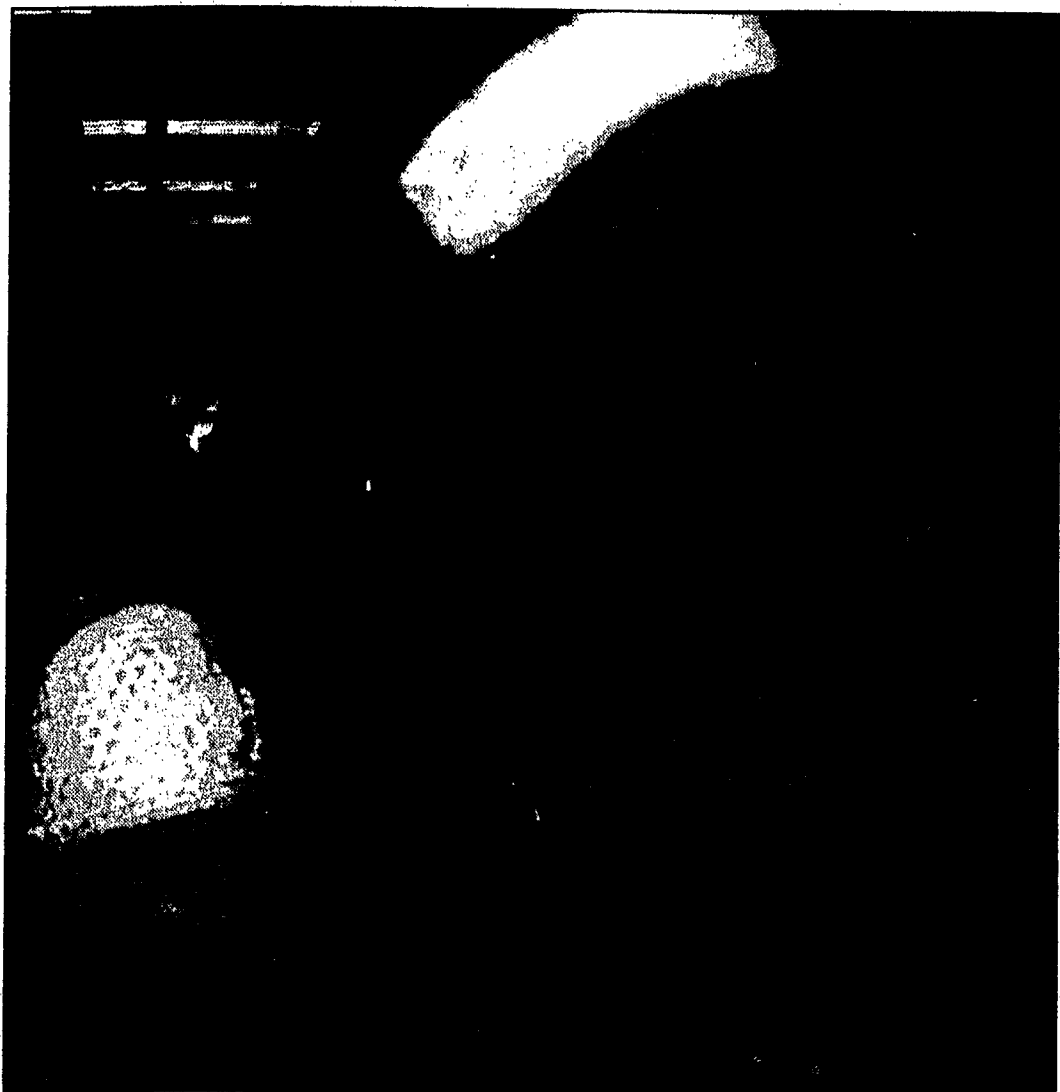
The toys were apparently delivered to the fire station on Thursday, but

because of a communication breakdown, employees there thought the toys were for the City of Bay St. Louis' Christmas Fest for Kids party set for 10 a.m. this morning at the Bay St. Louis Train Depot, where the toys will now be distributed.

Waveland Christmas



Gifts poured into Waveland Elementary Friday morning. Three separate groups delivered toys and candy to kindergarten through third grade classes. Mr. and Mrs. Claus hand out stockings filled with toys and candy to Mrs. Mason's Kindergarten class at Waveland Elementary on Friday morning. The Kiwanis Club, Rabling Red Hatters, Lion's Club, and other community organizations in Tiffin, Ohio collected toys for distribution to Gulf Coast kids. Kim Laffleur with the JBHM Architecture Firm, a Mississippi based company, gives goodie bags to kindergarten Abbygayle Lemmon. JBHM will be reconstructing Waveland Elementary. A group from Tomah, Wisconsin also delivered toys. One student commented, "This is the best Christmas ever."



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Sports

Pearl River's Jimmy Oliver repeats as NJCAA 'Offensive Player of Year'

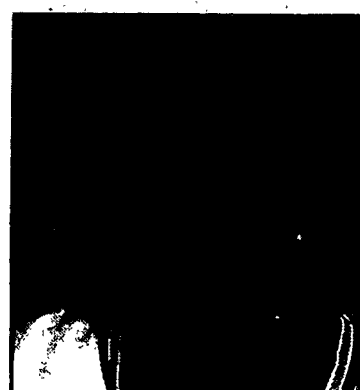
Pearl River Community College two-year football All-American Jimmy Oliver has been named the NJCAA's "Offensive Player of the Year" for the second straight season.

Oliver, a redshirt sophomore from East Marion who guided the Wildcats to an unprecedented 20-1 record the past two seasons as starting quarterback, led the state and nation in passing and individual total offense this past season which ended with the college winning its third straight MACJC championship. Pearl River has won a record total of 18 state titles.

"It's a great honor, but I had a lot of help," Oliver said. "Give my teammates a lot of credit. Every receiver on our team was great. They can all get open and our O-line did a tremendous job. All I had to do was find the open guy."

Oliver passed for 2,871 yards and 27 touchdowns in 2005's Hurricane Katrina-shortened season, connecting of 195 of 351 passing attempts with 13 interceptions. Including his 339 rushing yards over PRCC's nine-game season, he totaled a state and national best 3,150 yards (350 per game average) in individual total offense.

In his only loss as the Wildcats' starter — a 55-48 defeat to Mississippi Gulf Coast — Oliver shattered his own school record for passing yards



Jimmy Oliver

in a game with 603 and accounted for 648 total yards in the defeat.

Over his two-year career at Pearl River, Oliver passed for an astounding 6,308 yards and 67 touchdowns; while boasting 6,808 yards of individual total offense.

"He's magic," says fourth-year Wildcat head coach Tim Hatten. "We call him Houdini. He makes plays that you can't believe you're seeing with your own eyes. Jimmy's as good as it gets."

Oliver was instrumental in PRCC winning its first NJCAA national championship in over 40 years last season with a 34-14 victory over then-defending national champ Butler (Kan.) CC in the Dalton Defenders Bowl in Coffeyville, Kan.

Pearl River was left out of the post-season bowl picture this past season, as invitations were sent out prior to the MACJC championship game. While the Dalton Defenders Bowl offered the Wildcats a return engagement to Coffeyville, Hatten and his staff felt accepting the offer would be pre-

mature.

"We felt we were still in the national championship hunt," Hatten said. "As it turned out, we got left out in the cold and didn't get the opportunity to defend our national title. But that's the way it goes."

Hatten calls Oliver a "perfect fit" for the Wildcats' spread offense.

"Jimmy fit perfectly into what we try to do offensively," said Hatten. "And our offense was a perfect fit for him. With his ability to move around in the pocket plus his natural instincts, he's just incredible. Once he starts moving around, you had better look out."

Oliver's prep coach, Leslie Peters, hasn't been surprised by Oliver's success on the collegiate level.

"Jimmy's the best I've ever coached," Peters said. "I can remember taking him to the Steve McNair seven-on-seven camp down at Perkinson heading into his senior year. There were a lot of great athletes down there, including a team from Texas. Their quarterback, Vincent Young, is the quarterback for the Texas Longhorns right now; but Jimmy was named most valuable player at that camp."

"When the game is on the line, you want Jimmy Oliver on your side. He's a winner with a heart as big as they get."

Peters coached Oliver from grade seven through 12 at East Marion, where he guided the Eagles to undefeated

seasons in the seventh and eighth grades, while losing only one game his freshman season. He started all three of his varsity seasons at EMHS, guiding the Eagles into the playoffs each year and boasting 31 touchdowns passes as a senior.

But that didn't attract much attention from senior colleges.

"Everybody in the country who saw him said he was too small (6-foot, 170 pounds)," Peters said. "I remember he visited Alcorn (State), but their coaches didn't say too much to him. And he didn't play in a single post-season all-star game after his senior year. Go figure that one out."

Oliver also copped All-MACJC and All-Region 23 honors his freshman and sophomore seasons at PRCC. His most-recent accolade marked the third time in as many years that a Wildcat player earned a national "Player of the Year" honors.

In 2003, first-team All-American defensive back-wide receiver Larry Kendrick was named the NJCAA's "Defensive Player of the Year" and "Male Athlete of the Year." Kendrick, who prepped under Hatten at Haines City (Fla.) High School, signed with the University of Florida under then-head coach Steve Spurrier and played one season before transferring to PRCC. He just completed his senior season with the Ole Miss Rebels.

Long Beach sweeps Bay on hardwood

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers were swept by the Long Beach Bearcats on the road on Saturday, December 10th. The Lady Tigers were defeated 60-40 while the boys were nipped late in the game 58-51.

The Bearcats (6-3, 1-0) held a basket lead over the Tigers (3-2, 0-1) at the end of the first and at halftime 25-23. Long Beach pulled away in the third period and took a lead of 40-32. They held on for the seven-point victory behind Owen McNally's 15 points and Jeremy Hill's nine points. Long Beach head coach Boo Hardy commented, "We are getting better with our shot selection and our shooting. We had better shots in the second half and Jeremy Hill really sparked us in the second half. He is still trying to get adjusted from football." Owen McNally had a presence in the middle tonight

with his shot blocking. We are off to a good start this year already winning as many as we did last year. We just need to keep the momentum and improve each night."

The Tigers were led by Brent Robinson with 29 points followed by Robert Labat with 11 points.

Bay High head coach Will Seymour stated, "Their height gave us some problems especially when Jason Sims went down for us in the first half. He gave us some height in the middle. We are still getting players back from the storm. We are playing in a very tough district this year and you have to play your 'A' game every night."

In other recent action, the Long Beach Lady Bearcats defeated the Lady Pirates of Pass Christian 7-1 in high school girls soccer on Tuesday, December 13th. Jamie Grominger scored the lone goal for Pass Christian.

In upcoming soccer

action, the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws will participate in the annual Harrison Central Tournament that is slated for December 27-28. The OLA Crescents will host Resurrection on Wednesday, December 21st for their last scheduled game before the second semester.

The Bay High Tigers are set to play Harrison Central on December 19th for their final game before the holidays.

On the hardwood, the Rock-a-chaws will open their season on December 17th in the annual War on the Shore at Gulfport High School against St. John. The Bay High Tigers will also play the final game of the one-day tourney at 7pm against the Gulfport Admirals. The Tigers will travel to Pascagoula on December 20th for their final matchup before the holidays begin.

The Hancock Hawks will travel to Oak Grove for a boys game only on

Saturday, December 17th before hosting Gautier on Monday, December 19th. Both the boys and girls teams will participate in the Mississippi-Louisiana Shootout held in Picayune on December 29-30.

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CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. C2301-05-886(2)
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BY: Lorrinell Scarborough Deputy Clerk
12/04; 12/11; 12/18/2005

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH MARTIN KING, DECEASED
VS.
ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FILED
JOSEPH MARTIN KING Cause No. C2301-05-638
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 30th day of November, 2005, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of JOSEPH MARTIN KING, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law, and within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred, by law.

This the 1st day of December, 2005.
TOMMY SHANE KING, ADMINISTRATOR
J. Bryan Vonder Bruegge ATTORNEY AT LAW
Mississippi Bar No. 100470
1117 Washington Avenue Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564
Telephone (228) 872-9022
Facsimile (228) 872-9822
Post Office Box 255 Long Beach, Mississippi 39560
Telephone (228) 864-7443
Facsimile (228) 864-7479
12/11; 12/18; 12/25/05; 01/01/06

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., January 3, 2006, for furnishing to Hancock County the following supplies and services for the period beginning at the date of acceptance of said bids until December 31, 2006, or until a new bid/contract is accepted as follows to-wit:

1. Gasoline - regular and premium (specify with certificate attached amount of octane in each), lubricating oil, Number Two (No. 2) diesel fuel, greases, to be delivered as and when needed to county owned vehicles at points designated by the Board (prospective bidders are cautioned to bid a stable price for the period on this merchandise, or an alternate may be made quoting tank wagon prices at time of delivery with given discount) and/or for providing Fuel Access Cards Management System.

2. Liquid Propane - for furnishing, as ordered by the County Wholesale LP Gas and vehicle conversion installations as set out in "Proposal for Furnishing the County Wholesale LP Gas and Vehicle Conversion Installations" on file in the Office of the Board of Supervisors, Hancock County Courthouse Complex, Unit #3, 3068 Longfellow Dr., P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

3. Newspaper - bids for publishing proceedings of the Board of Supervisors and all legal notices for the county for the year of 2006 as required by law.

4. Banks - bids for the privilege of keeping the County Funds Collected by the Tax Assessor/Collector, and other public Funds of Hancock County for the year 2006 (with no service charges.)

5. Exterminator Services - (Licensed) for providing exterminator services for the Hancock Co. Courthouse Complex located at 3068 Longfellow Dr., Bay St. Louis, MS; Sheriff's Dept. and portable jail building located at 17351 Hwy. 603, Kiln, MS; Youth Court building located at 126 Court St., Bay St. Louis, MS; County Road Maintenance building; Superintendent of Education Building; Kiln Tax Office Annex building; and Justice Court building located at 17343 Hwy. 603, Kiln, MS; Equine & Livestock Facility building (concession stand and offices) for the period beginning at the date of said bid until December 31, 2006 or until a new bid is accepted.

Bid specifications are available, upon request, from the office of the Board of Supervisors, County Courthouse Complex, 3068 Longfellow Dr., Bay St. Louis, MS, or by calling (228) 467-0172. All envelopes MUST be stamped filed in the Hancock County Chancery Clerk's Office before 11:00 a.m. on the day of bid opening.

All envelopes MUST be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED", state which item bid on and the opening date of said bid.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, MS, this the 5th day of December, 2005.

(SEAL)
Timothy A. Kellar
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, MS
By: Terry E. Guenard, D.C.
12/11; 12/18/05

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOREEN J. HELMS, DECEASED
No. C2301-05-742(3)

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary on the Estate of Doreen J. Helms, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi on the 3rd day of November, 2005, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.

This the 23 day November, 2005.
Darwin M. Helms, Executor
12/11; 12/18; 12/25/05

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILLIE STEWART CAIMI, a/k/a BILLIE S. CAIMI, a/k/a ANN B. CAIMI, a/k/a BILLIE ANN CAIMI, DECEASED
VS.
SUE C. JOHNSTON, PETITIONER
CAUSE NO. C2301-05-760(1)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION upon the Estate of BILLIE STEWART CAIMI having been granted unto SUE C. JOHNSTON on the 22nd day of November, 2005, by the Chancery Court for Hancock County, Mississippi, Notice is hereby given requiring all persons having claims against the Estate of Billie Stewart Caimi, to have same probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court for the First Judicial District of Harrison County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication hereof, and failure to probate and register such claims against the Estate of Billie Stewart Caimi within ninety (90) days, will bar any claim.

SUE C. JOHNSTON, Administratrix
 of the Estate of Billie Stewart Caimi
JIM DAVIS
MSB No. 5830
1904 24th Ave.
Gulfport, MS 39501
Phone: (228) 864-1588
Fax: (228) 863-5008
12/11; 12/18; 12/25/05; 01/01/06

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE OSTEEN TRIM, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: C2301-05-722(3)
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 23rd day of August, 2005, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of George Osteen Trim, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 5 day of December, A. D. 2005.

S/ GEORGE LARRY TRIM
12/11; 12/18; 12/25/05

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA P. MCGINNIS, DECEASED
C.A. NO. C2301-05-783(2)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO THE CREDITORS OF PATRICIA P. MCGINNIS, DECEASED:

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 9th day of December, A.D., 2005, to the undersigned

upon the Estate of Patricia P. McGinnis, deceased, in Civil Action No. C2301-05-783(2) notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice to creditors. A failure to probate and register claims within said time will operate to forever bar such said claims.

THIS, the 9th day of December, A.D., 2005.
CASEY PATRICK POWERS MCGINNIS,
Administrator of the Estate of Patricia P. McGinnis, Deceased
12/17; 12/24; 12/31/05

LEGAL NOTICE
TO DEIRDRE JOHNSON:
 You are summoned to appear before the Mississippi Board of Nursing on February 1, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. to answer charges brought against you. The hearing will be held in the hearing room at the office of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, which is located at 1935 Lakeland Drive, Suite B, Jackson, Mississippi. Failure to appear may result in the revocation of your nursing license.
Signed: Delia Y. Owens
Executive Director
Mississippi Board of Nursing
12/17; 12/24; 12/31/05

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF GEORGE A. KALLENBACH, DECEASED
NO. C2301-05-716(1)

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 12th day of December, 2005, by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of George A. Kallenbach, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within ninety (90) days from date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 15 day of December, 2005.
Barbara S. Brinkman,
Administratrix
David Michael Necaie
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 2036
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521
12/17; 12/24; 12/31/05

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
THOMAS L. SANDIDGE, JR., PLAINTIFF
VS.
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, ETALS, DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. C2301-05-790(3)
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO: Any and all other persons having or claiming any legal or equitable right, title or interest in and to the following described land located in Hancock County, Mississippi, whose identities and last known places of residence, street address, and post office addresses are and remain unknown after diligent search and inquiry:

Lot 28, Block 6, Diamondhead, Phase 2, Unit 6, Hancock County, Mississippi. Tax Parcel Number 067M-1-35-242.

You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Thomas L. Sandidge, Jr., Plaintiff, whose address is c/o David M. Necaie, Esq., 904 Dunbar Avenue, P.O. Box 2036, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title. You are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying each allegation in

the complaint; and, in addition, a copy of your written answer should be either mailed or hand delivered to David M. Necaie, Esq., complainant's attorney, whose address is 904 Dunbar Avenue, P.O. Box 2036, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.
WITNESS my signature and official seal this the 15 day of December, 2005.
(SEAL)
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR,
Chancery Clerk
BY: Lorrinell Scarborough
12/17; 12/24; 12/31/2005

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on December 29, 1994, Joseph C. Keller, III and Tammy K. Keller, executed a certain deed of trust to David Michael Necaie, Sr., Trustee for the benefit of William Joe Smith and Linda Jo Smith, which deed of trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 423, at pages 447-453, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, William Joe Smith and Linda Jo Smith having requested the undersigned Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Michael Necaie, Sr., Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 9th day of January, 2006, offer for sale and will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the East front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated and lying in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Parcel 1:
 Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds West 20.0 feet for the point of beginning; thence West 604.10 feet; thence North 04 degrees West 1,811.45 feet; thence North 13 degrees 40 minutes 52 seconds East 445.35 feet; thence North 86 degrees 25 minutes 11 seconds East 741.91 feet; thence South 08 degrees 04 minutes 08 seconds East 1,066.40 feet; thence South 84 degrees 36 minutes 22 seconds West 270.49 feet; thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds East 1,204.83 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. This parcel containing 39.31 acres and being a part of the following: Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; and part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; all in Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Parcel 2:
 Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, section 20, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence

North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds West 20.0 feet for the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds West 1,204.83 feet; thence North 84 degrees 36 minutes 22 seconds East 270.49 feet; thence North 86 degrees 20 minutes 47 seconds East 1,086.0 feet; thence South 16 degrees 21 minutes West 24.23 feet; thence South 86 degrees 17 minutes 34 seconds West 486.07 feet; thence South 14 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds West 782.96 feet; thence South 78 degrees 43 minutes 38 seconds East 434.58 feet; thence South 16 degrees 32 minutes West 418.33 feet; thence West 972.81 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. This parcel containing 24.66 acres and being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, section 20, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Parcel 3:
 An easement only to the previously described real property. Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds East 98.78 feet for the point of beginning; thence North 84 degrees 36 minutes 22 seconds East 270.49 feet; thence North 86 degrees 20 minutes 47 seconds East 1,086.0 feet, more or less, to a point on the West margin of a public road; thence South 16 degrees 21 minutes West along said margin 24.23 feet; thence South 86 degrees 17 minutes 34 seconds West 486.07 feet; thence South 85 degrees 16 minutes West 870.48 feet; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds West 32.86 feet to the point of beginning. This easement being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 20; and part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 20, all in Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE,
 this the 13th day of December, 2005.
David Michael Necaie
TRUSTEE
12/17; 12/24; 12/31/2005; 01/07/2006

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAZEL WHITE, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. C2301-05-807(1)
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK
TO: ALL BORN, KNOWN, ABSENT OR UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF HAZEL WHITE
 You have been made a respondent in the Petition to Determine Heirs filed within the Court by Karen Zahniser, seeking a judicial determination of the rightful heirs at law of Hazel White, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 24th day of January, 2006, at the Harrison County Chancery Courthouse, in Biloxi, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the things demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS COURT, this the 9 day of December, 2005.

(SEAL)
Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk
Post Office Box 550
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521
BY: D. L. Lee, D.C.
12/19; 12/26/2005; 01/02/2006

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE: All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

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SERVICES OFFERED: Local resident for framing, remodeling, deck and porches, additions, sheetrock work. Very reasonable prices. Call 228-342-1350. 12/31

HOUSE FOR SALE: 1013 Breeden Place off 3rd St., BSL. As is or will complete. Call Carl Heitzmann. 228-467-4594. TFN

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NOTICE OF ABANDONED TRAILERS

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Unit 137 Thomas Office, last address known 8420 Kilduff Way, Ocean Springs, MS 39023, 1 owner-made trailer 4x7, other info unknown

Unit 137 Thomas Office, last address known 8420 Kilduff Way, Ocean Springs, MS 39023, 1 owner-made trailer 4x7, other info unknown

Unit 137 Thomas Office, last address known 8420 Kilduff Way, Ocean Springs, MS 39023, 1 owner-made trailer 4x7, other info unknown

Unit 137 Thomas Office, last address known 8420 Kilduff Way, Ocean Springs, MS 39023, 1 owner-made trailer 4x7, other info unknown

50x100 lot, 1st. Mobile Home, \$20,000. WATERFRONT LOT with 200 sq. ft. storage, a parking area, \$20,000. WOODLAND LOTS on Harbor Dr. 2 large lots together for only \$12,000. Coast and County Road East, Patricia M. Patterson, Realtor, 228-467-3111 office, 228-363-1958 cell. 12/17

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BY OWNER: 302 9th St., 100'x144', cleared and filled, excellent location near medical, schools and shopping, \$38,000. firm. Call 467-2896. 12/24

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2000 LINCOLN TOWN CAR executive series, leather, mint condition, 46K, never flooded, \$13K, 466-4945. 12/21

ALL MOST COMPLETED Old Towne B.S.L., 4Br., 2Ba., large fenced lot, \$165,000. 985-201-0763. 12/21

OLDTOWN B.S.L. partially furnished, 2Br/1Ba off street duplex, central ac/heat. Pet & smoke free. \$1000/mo. lease plus deposit. Saffish Realty 228-342-0783. 12/24

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SPOT WELDING SERVICE mobile unit, no job to small. 487-1920 or 228-324-8270. 01/07

JIM WALTER HOME on 8 ft. pillars for sale on 3.3 acres. Minor damage only. 3 ft. water. New Golden Ind. metal roof, new better build windows, flooring interior. asking \$89,000. 228-304-1555. 12/21

3BR/1BA HOUSE gutted, cleaned, on 2 lots, \$35,000. 228-332-4464. 12/28

WALLEY CONSTRUCTION LLC: Clean outs, roofing, general construction. Licensed, bonded, insured. 801-270-3016 or 601-238-2512. 01/11

HOUSE FOR RENT: Old Town B.S.L. 3Br/1Ba, 1400 sq.ft., wood floors, \$1200/mo. 228-342-1657. 12/28

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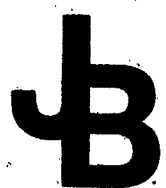
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110 S. Beach:
Overlooking Bay downtown Bay St. Louis Commercial "Chessy's" building. Heavy damage but some salvage. Adjoins public parking. Priced to sell! Harris 493-4111 \$565,000 MLS 172658.

321 Citizen St.
Precious cottage very close to beach, entertainment & Old Towne Beaded board, hardwood floors and is what everyone is looking for in beautiful Bay St. Louis. MLS 168290.

AREA 04: 7130 Cuevas Town Rd.
2.30 Acres w/home in need of completion. Supplies and materials sold with home. Call Brenda, 806-3204 MLS 169419.

AREA 05: 637 Banyan
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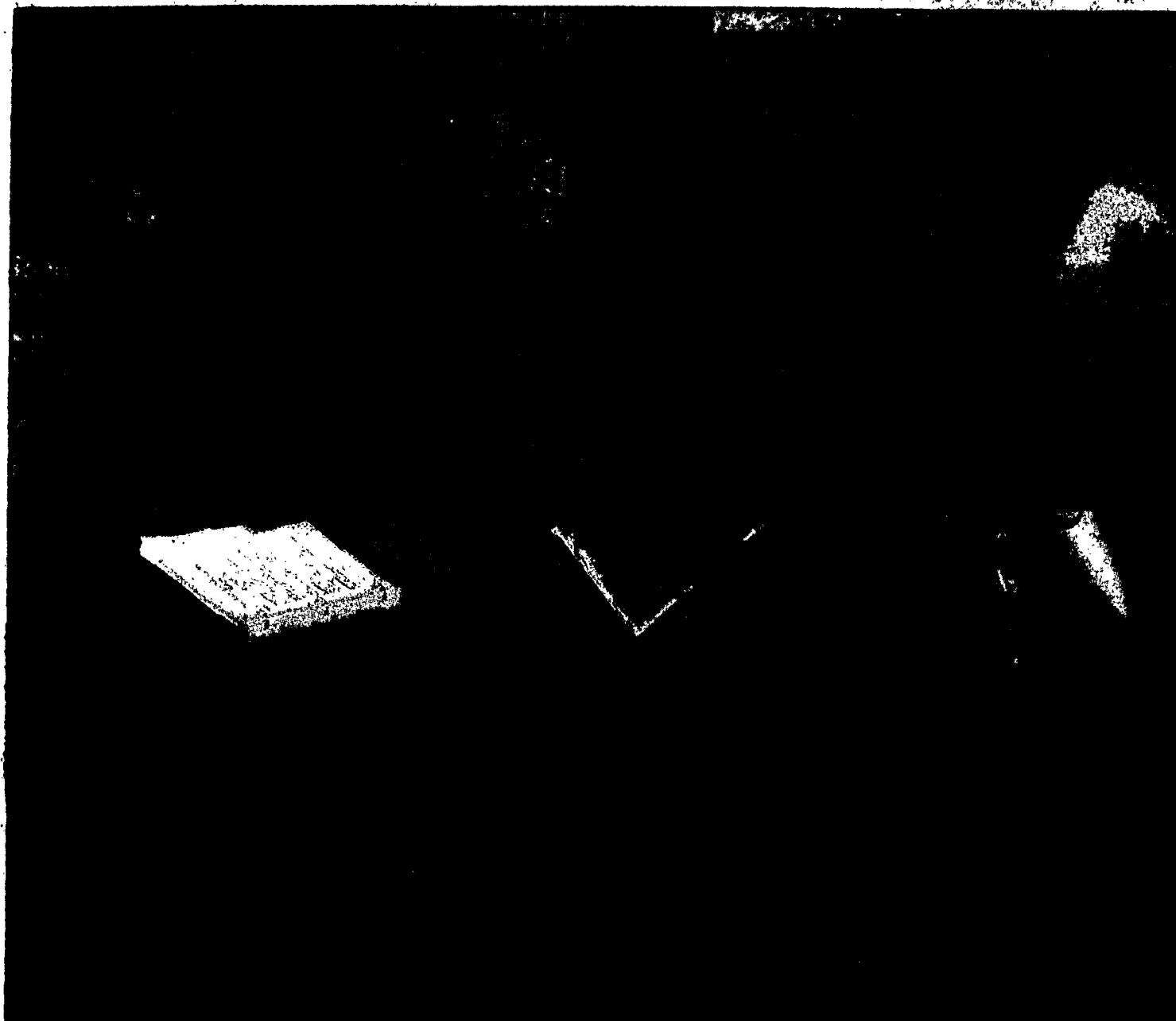
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Broadway in the Kiln



Broadway came to the Coast Thursday with "The Bayou Tour," a part of the non-profit World Art Project. 16 professional singers and performers sang tunes and Christmas carols for children at the Kiln Public Library.

Echo staff photos by Dwayne Brainer

Disaster Recovery Centers to close for Christmas

SEA COAST ECHO Disaster Recovery Centers throughout Mississippi will close at 6 p.m. Dec. 23, through Dec. 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday, announce state and federal officials.

"The holidays are a time when we come together with family and friends to celebrate the many blessings we enjoy as Americans," said Nick Russo, federal coordinating officer for the Mississippi recovery efforts.

The centers will reopen Dec. 27 and resume normal hours at 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and continue to be closed on Sundays.

The centers serve individuals and families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

People affected by Hurricane Katrina are urged to register for assistance before visiting a Disaster Recovery Center by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585

for the speech- or hearing-impaired or by going online at www.fema.gov. The deadline to apply for disaster assistance is Jan. 11, 2006.

Representatives of state, federal and voluntary agencies will be on hand to answer questions and provide recovery information.

Officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration will be available to discuss disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes.

BSLLT Christmas Show

SEA COAST ECHO The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will hold a Christmas show free to the community on Saturday, December 17th at 5PM at the First Missionary Baptist Church located at Third and Sycamore Streets in Bay St. Louis. The Christmas show will

include traditional holiday songs performed by local artists as well as Christmas readings of "The Grinch who Stole Christmas" and "Singin' and Swingin' and Gettin' Merry for Christmas" by Maya Angelou.

There will be an opportunity for sing-alongs. The choirs of First

Missionary Baptist Church and St. Rose de Lima Church will be performing. The song "The Twelve Days of Katrina" written by local residents will be introduced. The Little Theatre will give a Christmas gift of an annual membership to everyone in attendance.

Salvation Army, ARRL to send truckloads of toys to Coast

SEA COAST ECHO

Thousand of ham radio operators (amateur radio operators) pitched in to help the country realize the situation on the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina. Their countless hours of service have helped disaster relief organizations, such as The Salvation Army, tremendously.

With Christmas right around the corner, the ham operators wanted to know if they could do something to help yet again. Through the coordination of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), truckloads of toys donated by ham radio operators all across the country will begin their journey from Memphis to the Gulf Coast are kids on Thursday, Dec. 15. Attending the sendoff will be representatives from the ARRL, The Salvation Army, award winning singer Patty Loveless and other local dignitaries.

The Salvation Army

appreciates its partnership with the amateur radio community," said Bill Feist, Disaster Coordinator for the Salvation Army. "Not only do they supply us with the gift of communication during times of disaster, but now they are supplying toys to kids in the hurricane affected areas."

The ARRL has partnered with the Salvation Army in order to have the toys properly distributed in areas that are most needy. The toys will arrive in Jackson on Friday, Dec 16. They will then link up the the Salvation Army at its warehouse located in Jackson. From there, the toys will proceed to the coast.

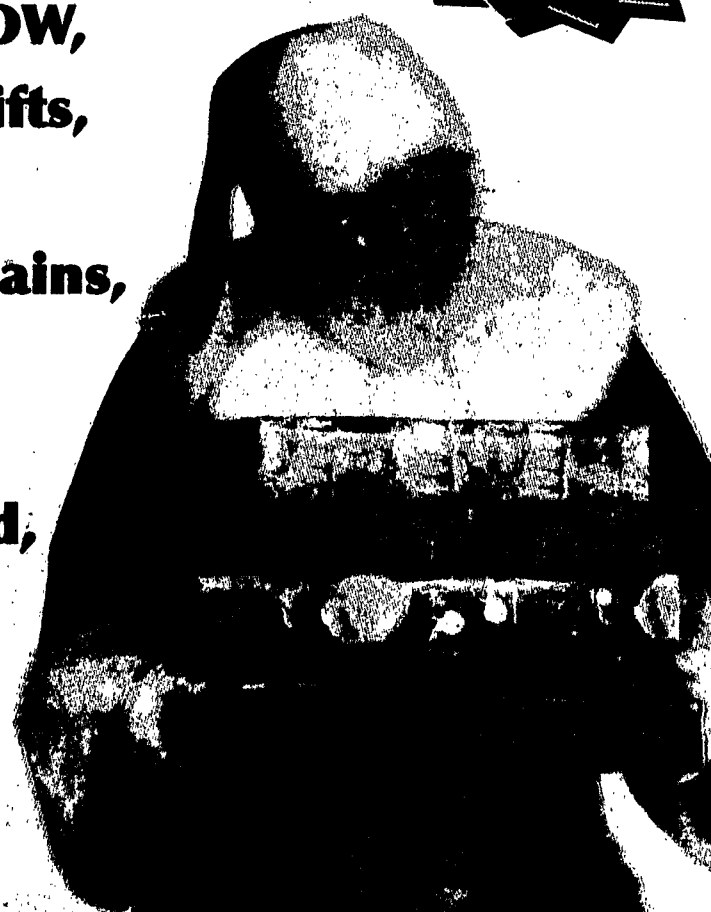
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